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May 6, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: PARATRANSIT SERVICES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)

### SUBJECT

This action is to approve the paratransit program for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in the First Supervisorial District.

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Approve the disbursement of \$1,221,500 from the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas of the First Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The First Supervisorial District's Paratransit Program includes the following services: Azusa/Glendora, East Los Angeles, Rancho Los Amigos, Teen Mother, Whittier, et al., and Willowbrook, et al.
- 2. Find that the proposed program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas of the First Supervisorial District.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). This action provides services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of transit-dependent patrons.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$1,221,500 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles (County) areas of the First Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2008-09. This paratransit program contains agreements with multiple-year terms; the costs for each fiscal year within each agreement will be submitted for your approval as part of future paratransit programs. Each agreement includes a 30-day no-fault clause for termination.

Four paratransit services have agreements that were previously executed. The Azusa/Glendora Paratransit Service, the Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service, the Teen Mother Paratransit Service, and the Willowbrook, et al., Paratransit Service are provided under existing agreements for a combined First Supervisorial District Fiscal Year 2008-09 disbursement of \$241,500.

The East Los Angeles Paratransit Agreement, which includes the unincorporated County areas of East Los Angeles and City Terrace will expire on June 30, 2008. The Whittier, et al., Paratransit Agreement, which includes the unincorporated County areas of Avocado Heights, Bassett, Covina Islands, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, and South San Gabriel, will also expire on June 30, 2008. The East Los Angeles Paratransit Service and the Whittier, et al., Paratransit Service will be awarded through competitive selection processes with a combined estimated First Supervisorial District Fiscal Year 2008-09 cost of \$980,000. We will submit these contracts for your approval under separate Board actions.

The Fiscal Year 2008-09 Paratransit Program Budget for the First Supervisorial District totals \$1,221,500, which includes the previously executed service agreements for

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\$241,500 and the awards through competitive selection processes of an estimated cost of \$980,000. The attachment lists these services with providers, terms, and the First Supervisorial District's Fiscal Year 2008-09 contract amounts.

The necessary funds are available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On January 4, 1983, your Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each supervisorial district's allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84, and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas.

The previously executed agreements for the paratransit services were in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreements were approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Pubic Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

### CONTRACTING PROCESS

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private, for-profit or nonprofit, transportation service providers.

Through participation in joint paratransit services, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination and, when available, subsidies provided through grants from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program (Incentive Grant Program). The Incentive Grant Program

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provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most of the cities and other governmental agencies, that allow the County to partner with them, contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents who use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider a competitive procurement process is used.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for the continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

### CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel

# ATTACHMENT SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 PARATRANSIT SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

SERVICE AGREEMENTS (PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED) (2)	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION (not including options)	2008-09 BUDGET AMOUNT
Azusa/Glendora (with SD 5)	City of Azusa (1)	3-YEAR	06/30/10	\$111,000
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts) Los Amigos Research and Education Institute (1)	2-YEAR	60/30/90	\$43,000
Teen Mother (with SD 4 & SD 5)	Feen Mother (with SD 4 & SD 5) Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (1)	5-YEAR	06/30/12	\$6,000
Willowbrook Et Al. (with SD 2)	Watts Labor Community Action Committee (3)	2-YEAR + 3 (1- YR) options	60/36/90	\$81,500
			SUBTOTAL	\$241,500

East Los Angeles To be determined YR)  Whittier Et Al (with SD 4 & SD 5) To be determined YR)	
	1-YEAR + 4 (1- YR) options 06/30/09
	1-YEAR + 4 (1- YR) options 06/30/09
	SUBTOTAL

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(1) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency

GRAND TOTAL

(2) Agreements were executed in prior years. This action approves the FY 2008-09 contract amount.

(3) Private Transit Service Provider

(4) To be awarded through competitive selection process under separate Board Action.